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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVET COUNCIL.

The Council met in the Public Offices Buildings, Bangalore, on Wednesday the 19th May 1920 at 12 noon.

Present.

RAJASEVADHURINA SIRDAR M. KANTARAJ URS, B.A., C.S.I., Dewan (Presiding).

Ex-Officio Members.

1. A. R. BANERJI, ESQ., M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E., First Member of Council.
2. P. RAGHAVENDRA RAO, ESQ., B.A., B.L., Second Member of Council.
3. MIR HAMZA HUSEIN, ESQ., B.A., B.L., Third Member of Council.

Official Members.

1. C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER, ESQ., B.A.
2. S. CADAMBI, ESQ., B.A., L.C.E.
3. C. R. REDDY, ESQ., M.A.
4. K. CHANDY, ESQ., B.A.
5. C. S. DORASWAMI IYER, ESQ., B.A., B.L.
6. M. N. KRISHNA RAO, ESQ., B.A.
7. RAJAKARYAPRAVINA RAO BAHADUR T. V. ARUMUGAM MUDALIAR, M.B. & C.M.
8. K. R. SRINIVASIENGAR, ESQ., M.A.
9. M. G. RAMA RAO, ESQ., B.A.
10. D. G. DANI, ESQ., B.SC.
11. K. MATTHAN, ESQ., B.A.

Non-Official Members.

1. RAJAKARYAPRASAKTHA RAO BAHADUR M. SHAMA RAO, M.A.
2. RAJASABHABHUSHANA DEWAN BAHADUR K. P. PUTTANNA CHETTY, C.I.E.
3. M. ANANTHIA SETTY, ESQ.
4. B. N. VIJAYADEVA, ESQ., M.A., Bar-at-Law.
5. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO, ESQ., B.A., B.L.
6. MAHOMED ABBAS KHAN, ESQ.
7. RAO BAHADUR M. C. RANGA IYENGAR, B.A.
8. D. VENKATESAIYA, ESQ., B.A., B.L.
9. H. KRISHNA RAO, ESQ.
10. N. S. NANJUNDIAH, ESQ.
11. RAO SAHEB H. CHENNIAH.
12. B. V. RAMASWAMI CHETTY, ESQ., B.A.
13. H. G. BASAVAPPA, ESQ.
14. H. VENKATARAMAIYA, ESQ., B.A., B.L.
15. ABDUR RAHMON, ESQ., B.A.
16. M. SUBBAIYA, ESQ.
17. S. A. JAVARAYYA, ESQ.

Absent.

P. G. D'SOUZA, ESQ., B.A. B.L.

P. MAHADEVAYYA, ESQ., B.A., B.L. (*Secretary.*)

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I. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reported to the Council that Messrs. K. R. Srinivasiengar and C. S. Doraswami Iyer took their seats as additional members of the Council.

II. INTERPELLATIONS.

1. MR. H. KRISHNA RAO, ASKED.—With reference to Government Notification No. 460—L. C., dated the 6th April 1920, published in Part III of the *Mysore Gazette*, dated 8th April 1920, and the speech made by the learned Chief Secretary in introducing the Bill published therewith in this Council, will Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What officers or class of officers had originally been empowered to distrain defaulters' properties under Section 160 of the Land Revenue Code of 1888?

(2) Whether any, and if so, what changes have been since made in the standing orders or rules on the subject and with what object?

(3) Whether the powers conferred by the section have at any time been exercised since it was amended in 1906, and if so what was the largest number of times it was exercised in any single year? and

(4) Whether under the corresponding section of the Bombay Code, Commissioners of Divisions or any other officers, are similarly empowered to exercise the powers under the section independently of Government?

MR. C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER, B.A., REPLIED.—(1) Officials not below the rank of Shekdars, were empowered to distrain properties under Section 160 of the Land Revenue Code of 1888.

(2) No change has been made.

(3) Information is not available at present. The same has been called for.

(4) Under Section 154 of the Bombay Code distraints can be made by such officers or classes of officers as the Commissioners, under the orders of Government, may direct.

2. MR. H. KRISHNA RAO ASKED.—Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The mortality in the taluks of Narasimharajapura, Koppa and Sringeri during the months of January, February and March 1920 by influenza, small-pox and by plague and the corresponding figures during the three previous years?

(*b*) Was vaccination reported to be successful in these areas?

(*c*) Was any report submitted to the District Medical Officer by any of the Medical Officers in charge of the hospitals and if so what action was taken thereon?

(*d*) Were these places visited by any of the medical or sanitary officers of the district or by any of the central authorities from Bangalore and if so were the outlying villages visited?

MR. MIR HAMZA HUSEIN, B.A., B.L., REPLIED.—(*a*) The statistics are given in Appendix A.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The question is not clear.

(*d*) As will be seen from Appendix A the outbreak of the diseases referred to was not so severe as to call for any special measures.

3. MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO, B.A., B.L., ASKED.—Will the Government be pleased to state in what towns people have contributed or offered to contribute moneys towards the cost of introducing water-supply, the extent of such contributions or offers and how the water-supply schemes for such places have been dealt with?

MR. A. R. BANERJI, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E., REPLIED.—Certain people in Dodballapur town have contributed Rs. 18,000 for a water-supply scheme, which is still under investigation as several alternatives proposed have not proved feasible.

4. MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO, B.A., B.L., ASKED.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is in the contemplation of Government to appoint a Salaries Committee similar to Committees appointed in British India for investigating the extent of the economic stress on the Non-Gazetted and Subordinate Government services and for suggesting the extent of relief necessary to be given to

them, or if they do not contemplate such appointment, what steps they intend to take for giving the required relief?

MR. C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER, B.A., REPLIED.—The question of giving relief to the subordinate services is engaging the active consideration of Government and has been referred to the Finance Committee for detailed opinion.

5. MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO, B.A., B.L., ASKED.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the insufficiency of train service on the newly opened State Railway lines and the demand there is for increased service and whether any arrangement is under contemplation to meet the demand in the near future?

MR. A. R. BANERJI, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E., REPLIED.—Government are aware of the insufficiency of the present train service on the Mysore Railways and the demand for increased service. Steps are being taken to increase the rolling stock and improve the train service.

6. MR. H. VENKATARAMAIYA, B.A., B.L., ASKED.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What action has been taken in the matter of water-supply to the town of Tumkur from Mydala Tank?

(*b*) If it will be pleased to take the work on hand immediately and order for pipes, as the rate of exchange is now very favourable and the Municipality is able and willing to pay its quota of expenditure?

MR. A. R. BANERJI, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E., REPLIED.—(*a*) and (*b*) Administrative sanction has been given to a rough project amounting to Rs. 2,68,000. The detailed estimate since received is under scrutiny, and the work will be taken in hand as soon as the estimate is sanctioned.

7. RAO SAHIB H. CHENNIAH, ASKED.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of applicants according to communities for Backward class scholarships and the number of students who were in receipt of such scholarships during the years 1918-19 and 1919-20?

MR. A. R. BANERJI, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E., REPLIED.—The required information has been called for and will be placed on the table after it is received.

8. RAO SAHIB H. CHENNIAH, ASKED.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of new schools and hospitals opened and the number of midwives employed in the Malnad Districts in each year since the introduction of the Malnad Improvement Scheme, and (2) the expenditure incurred annually on that scheme since its inception?

MR. MIR HAMZA HUSEIN, B.A., B.L., REPLIED.—(1) A statement is placed on the table. (Appendix B).

(2) *Vide* Statement (Appendix C) herewith appended.

9. MR. H. G. BASAVAPPA, ASKED.—Will the Government be pleased to state the various ways in which retrenchment has been effected since the establishment of the Retrenchment Committee?

MR. M. N. KRISHNA RAO, B.A., REPLIED.—There is now no Committee called the Retrenchment Committee. It is one of the functions of the newly constituted Finance Committee to suggest possibilities of reduction of expenditure and so far, no recommendations for retrenchment have been made by the Committee.

10. MR. H. G. BASAVAPPA, ASKED.—Will the Government be pleased to state how many boys have been dealt with under the Juvenile Smoking Act since its introduction into the State and whether the Government are satisfied that the Act is properly applied by the authorities to the culprits?

MR. MIR HAMZA HUSEIN, B.A., B.L., REPLIED.—A statement giving the required information is placed on the table. (Appendix D).

The answer to the latter part of the question is in the affirmative.

11. MR. B. ABDUR RAHMON, B.A., ASKED.—(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number and value of scholarships that were given to Muslim students in the State during the last four years, in different classes—Primary, Secondary, High School and Collegiate?

(b) Have they suffered by being classed among the Backward class communities? If so, what is the difference in the number of scholarships then and after?

(c) As the number of scholarships has diminished will the Government be good enough to institute a separate class of scholarships tenable purely to Muslim students as was the practice before, so that a large number of poor Muslim students may be benefited thereby?

MR. A. R. BANERJI, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E., REPLIED.—(a) A statement giving the information for a period of three years for which figures are available is laid on the table. (Appendix E).

(b) and (c). The Mahomedan community have been benefited considerably both in the number and the total value of scholarships by inclusion in the Backward class scholarship scheme, the number being 261 as against 44 and the value Rs. 1,200 as against Rs. 205.

There is therefore no necessity to institute separate scholarships for Mahomedans.

12. MR. B. V. RAMASWAMI CHETTY, B.A., ASKED.—Are Government aware of the fact that village roads are greatly neglected and are in a deplorable condition? Will Government be pleased to make enquiries about this matter and order that prompt measures be adopted to improve these roads?

MR. P. RAGHAVENDRA RAO, B.A., B.L., REPLIED.—Though the improvement of village roads is one of the chief items of work of the Village Improvement Scheme, yet Government are aware that sufficient attention is not being paid to these roads. Enquiries will be made and necessary action taken in this matter.

13. MR. B. V. RAMASWAMY CHETTY, B.A., ASKED.—Has the attention of Government been drawn to the fact that the courts of the First and Second Special Magistrates, Bangalore, are, from the beginning, located in incommodious and ill-ventilated buildings and will Government be pleased to order as early as possible the shifting of these courts to more suitable buildings?

MR. MIR HAMZA HUSEIN, B.A., B.L., REPLIED.—The First Class Magistrate's Court is held in the old Palace, Fort, and the Second Class Magistrate's Court in the Taluk Office. The question of providing them with better accommodation will be considered when funds permit.

14. MR. B. V. RAMASWAMY CHETTY, B.A., ASKED.—(a) Have Government considered the question as to why the Light Railways in the State are not paying and are not even self-supporting unlike Light Railways in other parts of India?

(b) Is not this state of things due to the abnormally large expenditure that is incurred in working these Railways?

(c) And will Government be pleased to scrutinise this matter and devise means to reduce the expenditure?

MR. A. R. BANERJI, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E., REPLIED.—(a) Yes.

(b) and (c). No. The chief reason for the low earnings of these lines is that they are not adequately equipped with engines and rolling stock owing to war conditions. Government are taking steps to provide the necessary additional supply as early as possible.

15. MR. N. S. NANJUNDIAH, ASKED.—With reference to the answer given to my interpellation No. 13 at the last meeting of this Council, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether any and, if so, what progress has been made since the date of the last meeting of this Council in the matter of providing separate accommodation for the District Police Office in Hassan?

(b) Is it likely that such accommodation will be provided before the end of this official year 1919-20 or the calendar year 1920?

(c) Pending the construction, if any, of a separate building for the purpose, whether any steps will be taken to shift the office to any other Government building or any private building taken for rent?

or (d) Would any other satisfactory arrangement be immediately made to locate the said office elsewhere?

MR. MIR HAMZA HUSEIN, B.A., B.L., REPLIED.—(a), (b), (c) and (d). An estimate for a combined office for the Police and other departments has since been